

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1097

By Windle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Tri-County Forestry Association for its meritorious service.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding organizations in our state which are committed to sustaining the renewable natural resources of Tennessee in a manner which provides economic enrichment while preserving valuable resources and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the Tri-County Forestry Association, which has worked assiduously for the forestry industry in the counties of Clay, Overton, and Pickett; and

WHEREAS, formed in 2003 with Perry Windle as the first President, the meritorious association already boasts a membership of fifty concerned souls; and

WHEREAS, the association annually recognizes fellow arbor enthusiasts with the dedication of three awards for Logger of the Year, Sponsor of the Year, and Forest Stewardship Landowner of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Forestry Association ensures the continuation of forestry conservation and development by awarding a \$500 scholarship to high school students who have either an agricultural background; or who plan on entering an agricultural field; and

WHEREAS, each year, programs on forest management, wildlife management, and best management practices are presented to the membership and a field day is held to demonstrate the best forestry practices, including wildlife management and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the forests of Clay, Overton, and Pickett counties have been vital to the growth and continuing prosperity of the tri-county area; the members of the Tri-County Forestry Association have a great desire to protect and manage this great resource and to provide jobs, recreation, and products for the tri-county citizens and serve as an example of good forest stewards; and

WHEREAS, having set as their goal the successful balance of their great concern for economic needs and environmental stewardship, it is appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor the members of this outstanding organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and salute the members of the Tri-County Forestry Association for their dedicated and thorough understanding of our State's precious renewable resources, our forestland and wildlife habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.